GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:103
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2001
PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENTAL WORKS OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several developmental works are getting delayed because of inordinate delay by Chandigarh based office in granting approval to proposals forwarded by the Government of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have prescribed any time-limit for disposal of such cases;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the time-limit is being adhered to by the Chandigarh based office of the Ministry; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) Details regarding the number of cases received from Himachal Pradesh for clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, the number of cases approved, rejected, closed, withdrawn and the number of cases pending with the State Government and the Central government are at Annexure 1;

(b) &(c) Guidelines framed under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 stipulate that the State Government and the Central Government process the cases submitted to them within a period of 60 days and 90 days respectively;

(d) &(e) Every effort is made by Regional Office Chandigarh to stick to the guidelines but instances of delay in disposal of cases on account of large number of cases, are there.

Annexure in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.103 for 23.07.2001

Status of proposals received from Himachal Pradesh (0-20 ha) in theRegional Office, Chandigarh under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

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No of proposal received    549
No of proposal approved    332
No of proposal rejected    27
No of proposal closed    90
No of proposal withdrawn   21
No of proposal pending with Central Govt. 5
No of proposal pending with State Govt.  74
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